

## Mayor and City Council Update December 6, 2019

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Administration  
**CC:** Department Heads

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### Library

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual “Books & Bricks” LEGO Exhibit** – The Friends of Smyrna Library and DixieLUG will hold their annual “Books & Bricks” event in the library Meeting Room on Saturday, December 7, from 10am-4pm, and Sunday, December 8, from 1-4pm. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$3 each (ages 0-4 are free). Proceeds benefit the Smyrna Library Youth Services Department. The exhibit is an elaborate display of landscapes, cityscapes, and wintery scenes.

**Census Jobs** – Representatives from the Census Bureau will be on hand Monday, December 9, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., to answer questions about applying and working for the 2020 Census.

**Lynda.com Ending** – Lynda.com was purchased several years ago by LinkedIn, and now the service is changing and rebranding to “LinkedIn Learning.” Because of the change in service terms and in an effort to reduce duplication of services with Cobb County Public Library, Smyrna Library will not subscribe to LinkedIn Learning. The library’s subscription to Lynda.com will end when the site sunsets on December 31. City employees and Smyrna Library customers wishing to access LinkedIn Learning may use their Cobb County Public Library card.

### Department of Environmental Services – KSB

On Thursday, December 5, KSB attended the Keep Georgia Beautiful Awards Luncheon at the Marriott Century Center. KSB accepted the 1<sup>st</sup> place award for affiliate excellence in the population category 50,001 to 100,000. This makes the 23<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year they have been honored.



Pictured - KSB Board of Directors: Karleen McNabb, Lisa Castleberry, Liz Davis, Gina Bridges, and Betty Williams – Former Board Member and Woman of the Year: Lois Lewis. Smyrna Recycling Center Manager, Kathy Chapman. KSB Executive Director Janet Liberman, KSB Coordinator Julie Barwig and City of Smyrna, GA Government City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones.



Pictured – Lois Lewis, Carolyn Crayton, and Linda Lewis. Also, honored was Smyrna resident Lois Lewis. Lois received the Carolyn Crayton Woman of the Year Award. Lois served on the board of KSB for 27 years and during that time, she spear-headed many programs including Bring One for the Chipper and the Jonquil Bulb sales. Carolyn Crayton formed the first Keep Georgia Beautiful Affiliate in Macon, Georgia, and was one of the founders of the Cherry Blossom Festival.

## **Parks & Recreation**

As we draft this update, the lighting of the downtown Holiday displays approaches. Your Park Maintenance staff is nearing the finish line after a month long prep process in anticipation of Santa's arrival. With the assist from a 65' boom lift, our crew has strung lights on over 23 trees, 41 holidays figures, 34 tree trucks and a smorgasbord of other areas around the Community Center, pond and large trees located in the downtown Circle and Market Village. With that many lights, the Children of Smyrna can rest easy knowing that Santa and his reindeer will have no issue locating Smyrna GA this Holiday Season!

Outside of holiday preparations, our department would like to thank; Kelly Brown in our city's Finance Department for her huge help in putting together and navigating us through the recent RFQ process for a multi-park, painting project. When this project is completed, four separate park buildings and restrooms will have received a much needed paint upgrade and in some cases a coat of anti-graffiti coating to help preserve the new paint for years to come. In the weeks to come, our staff will be out in the Parks, mowing rye grass ballfields, winterizing outdoor water features, and attending to anything and everything that takes place behind the scenes so that the public will enjoy a seamless and positive experience as they visit any one of our beautiful parks.

The Smyrna Parks and Recreation Department kicked off their "12 Events of Christmas" on December 3 with the Home for the Holidays and Tree Lighting at the Community Center. We had local school and church choirs, orchestras and bands as well as piano groups performing in the large gym, jonquil room, library stairs and in front of the Christmas tree.

We had crafts and picture with Santa set up in the Magnolia room. These activities began at 5:00 p.m. The parade began at 7:00 pm featuring Santa arriving in a red Jeep Gladiator, donated by Ed Voyles. The parade was led by an SPD car, followed by the Campbell High School Band, Santa came next and another SPD car ended the parade. Santa exited the Jeep Gladiator and was then put into the SFD ladder truck bucket and raised to the top of the tree.

Mayor Bacon was on hand to lead the crowd in the official countdown. Santa threw his magic dust in the air and the Smyrna Christmas Tree came to life! Activities went on until 8:30 pm. It takes a lot of work on the part of all parks and recreation staff as well as the assistance from the police and fire and public works to pull this great community event. When you see all the smiling kids and parents enjoying the evening, all the hard work is forgotten.



Our next Christmas event is Winter Wonderland Walks. These walks will take place on Thursdays (through Dec 19). SPRD staff will lead these walks around the village green.

On Saturday, December 7 we will be hosting an “Ugly Christmas Sweater Block Party and Movie” on the veteran’s memorial lawn. We will be showing the classic “National Lampoons Christmas Vacation” on a HUGE inflatable screen.

This Saturday, December 7, the Smyrna Community Center will host the Smyrna Dancers Recital: “Scenes from The Nutcracker”. Come watch as visions of sugarplums dance and waltz in holiday tradition. Key selections, dances, and scenes will be performed by the students of the Smyrna Dancers from the classic holiday ballet. The performance begins at 11am and will be held in the large gym. Admission is free.

## **Public Works**

### **WATER /SEWER**

Water / Sewer Division CCTV (Videoing) and Jetting Ward 4, **project 55%** complete.

*South Cobb Water Main Project:* All case and bores are completed under South Cobb Drive Main 12" line is completed. Contractor making main line tie-ins this week and Pinehill and Ask Kay Drive remains to be tied-in for completion.

*Sanitary Sewer Outfall Sub-Basin 3 project:* Pipe lining has been completed from Elizabeth Street to Lochlomand Lane. **Project 60%** complete.

*Church Street water main project:* Contractor has installed first 1500 LFT. **Project 20%** complete.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Crews working on asphaltting potholes, concrete work orders, grass cutting and repairing curbing and gutter.

*Woodland Trail Sidewalk Project:* All sidewalk and walls have been completed. **Project 100%** complete.

Fleet Maintenance Division installing new GPS units in 81 City vehicles. **Project 100% complete**

Public Works Supervisors, Foreman and Managers attending the UGA Carl Vinson institute For Local Government Management Training. The training will take 6 months to complete.

Public Works Supervisor and IT Employee attended Cybersecurity Workshop hosted by Georgia Rural Water Association (GRWA).

Workshop related to cybersecurity threat scenarios and responses related to water utilities, ways to manage the threat, and tools to help.

### **SPLOST**

*Roswell Street Roundabout:* Vertical Earth LLC contractor will have all storm drain pipe install next week. Curbing and grading will begin next week. **Project 20% complete.**

*Annual Paving:* 27 streets throughout the city that will be resurfaced. **Project 98%** complete.

Roads completed to date are Alexander Dr, Anderson Circle, Benmac Rd, Daniel Green Trl, Dundee Rd, Falling Water Dr, Forest Mist Dr, Foxcliff Ct, Glenroy Dr, Honeysuckle Dr, Kennesaw Way, Lois Pointe, N. Thomas Ln, North Ave, Oakdale Ct, Old Vinings Pkwy, Park Rd, Reed Rd, Ridge Rd, Ridgcrest Ln, Spring Street, Technology Ct, West Manor Dr, Vinings Mill Walk, Vinings Mill Trl, Old Spring Rd.

Striping will begin next week weather permitting to complete project.

## **Police Department**

**Total number of arrests:** 35  
**Total number of citations issued:** 214  
**Total number of calls for service:** 938  
**Total number of employees on limited duty:**

### **Vacancies:**

**Police Officers:** 7  
**Detention Officers** 4  
**Communication Officers** 4 (however we have two others who have turned in their two week notice)  
**Training:** 88 hours

### **Projects:**

### **Accomplishments:**

We send many of our supervisors and support personnel to the 11 week Dale Carnegie training. Most recently four of SPD's employees have received many awards. They are as follows:

**Lt. Brandy Forman** – The Outstanding Performance Award on 2 different occasions, and the Breakthrough Award.

**Major Rick James** - The Outstanding Performance Award and the Class Project Award.

**Sgt. Chris Singleton** - The Outstanding Performance Award on 2 different occasions.

**Crime Scene Tech Ramona Malyon** – The Breakthrough Award.

**Sgt. Defense** also received a Community service award from the Cobb County Law Enforcement Association for his work in developing the "Smyrna Night" at the Braves.

## **Community Development**

### **NEW BUSINESSES**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Home/Commercial</b>	<b>Description</b>
CHEVRON FOOD MART	2875 S COBB DR	COMMERCIAL	CONVENIENCE W/GAS
CARNICERIA MI PUEBLO IV	2113 S COBB DR	COMMERCIAL	SUPERMARKET
DAVIS & HAWBAKER REAL ESTATE	1260 W SPRINGS ST STE D	COMMERCIAL	REAL ESTATE
REFORMATION BREWERY	6255 RIVER VIEW ROAD	COMMERCIAL	BREWERY
GO PUFF	1000 PIONEER DR	COMMERCIAL	WAREHOUSE
MRS RESTORATION	1741 MCCOBA DR	COMMERCIAL	SPECIAL TRADE CONSTRUCTION
DELICATE DESIGNS	2310 GARDEN PARK DR	HOME	INTERIOR DESIGN

## Weekly Rental Report

Nov 27 - Dec 4, 2019

	Resident	Non Resident	City Function	Allied Groups (Pro Bono)	Programmed Activity	Independent Contractor
<b>Community Center</b>						
Magnolia	1	1	2			
Dogwood	1	2	1			
Jonquil	2	2	1		1	
Sunflower	1	1			1	
Azelea	2	1			1	
Tulip	1	1				
Daisy					3	
Lily	2	1				
Orchid	2	3				
Large Gym			1		3	
Small Gym		1			3	
<b>Wedding Gazebo</b>						
<b>Brawner Hall</b>						
Banquet Hall	1	3		1 (Rotary)		
Studio A						
Studio B		1				
Conference						
<b>Taylor Brawner House</b>						
Reed House	1					
Aunt Fanny's Cabin	2					
Tolleson Day Room	1					
<b>Pavilions</b>						
Brinkley (2)						
Chuck Camp						
Church Street						
Cobb (2)						
Jonquil						
Lake Court						
Riverline (2)						
Rose Garden (2)						
Taylor Brawner (3)	2					
Tolleson (2)	1	1				
Whitfield						
<b>Sports Fields</b>						
Brinkley					1	
Chuck Camp					2	
Jonquil					1	
Riverline					1	
Tolleson					2	
Cobb					1	
Ward					1	
Totals	20	18	4		21	